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SUBJECT: LOS: GENEVA INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

1. UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL ZULETA HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION ON DECEMBER 6 REGARDING THE GENEVA INTERSESSIONAL
CONSULTATIONS. THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN SCHEDULING
THESE CONSULTATIONS HAS BEEN THE UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER
THE AFRICAN GROUP WOULD MEET IN LAGOS BEFORE THE GENEVA
MEETING TAKES PLACE. ENGO HAS BEEN HOLDING BACK HIS AGREEMENT
TO GO TO THE GENEVA MEETING PENDING A DECISION ON WHETHER
THER WILL BE CONSULTATIONS IN LAGOS. ZULETA WILL BE INFORMING
ENGO THAT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NEITHER SET A DATE FOR
SUCH A MEETING, NOR GIVEN ANY INDICATION THAT IT INTENDS TO
CONVENE ONE.

2. ZULETA SAID THAT IT IS HIS ASSUMPTION THAT EVENSON WILL
NOW SCHEDULE THE GENEVA CONSULTATIONS FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS
IN MARCH. ZULETA REQUESTED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED IF
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WE LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT PLANS FOR THE AFRICAN GROUP OR

GENEVA MEETING.

3. SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS, ZULETA ALSO TOLD MISOFF THAT HE REGARDED VANCE APPOINTMENT AS POSITIVE AUGURY BOTH FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA AND THE UNITED NATIONS. HE RECALLED THAT VANCE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, HAD INDICATED HIS AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND OF THE ROLE OF THE UN IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. SCRANTON
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